DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Application of)	REGULATORY DIVISION
NorthWestern Energy for Hydro Assets)	
Purchase)	DOCKET NO. D2013.12.85

HUMAN RESOURCE COUNCIL, DISTRICT XI, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL PRE-HEARING MEMORANDUM

Human Resource Council, District XI (HRC) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) submit the following pre-hearing memorandum as directed by Order 7323(b).

- 1) The ultimate contested issue in this case is whether the Commission should approve the application of NorthWestern Energy for the acquisition of hydroelectric assets upon the terms proposed by NorthWestern. Issues that are subsidiary to the main issue are too numerous to mention.
- 2) HRC and NRDC are unaware of any uncontested issues.
- 3) Dr. Thomas Power will be called and his pre-filed direct and response testimony introduced. Dr. Power will be made available for cross examination on his testimony and responses to data requests.
- 4) If all responses to data requests are not collectively introduced, HRC and NRDC will offer into evidence Dr. Power's responses to data requests. These data requests are PSC 237-268, PSC 355-363, MCC 203-208, and MCC 226-231.
- 5) At present, HRC and NRDC are unaware of any special scheduling needs.

HRC and NRDC reserve the right at the hearing to move the introduction of additional evidence relevant to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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